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Temporary Chairperson: ..... Mr. Šimonović (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chairperson: ..... Mr. Ulibarri Bilbao (Costa Rica)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chairperson**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, said that since the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations Children's Fund, in conjunction with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, had launched a campaign for universal ratification of the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. There were currently 139 States parties to the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict and 142 States parties to the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

2. The Committee on the Rights of the Child had increased the number of reports it had considered from 30 in 2009 to 53 in 2010. The Committee had also begun to work with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on a joint general comment on harmful practices and human rights. Those two committees planned to hold an informal meeting on 29 January 2011, during the overlap between their upcoming sessions in Geneva, to prepare for the inter-committee meeting of the human rights treaty bodies to be held in Geneva in June 2011. The Committee continued to cooperate closely with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children. The Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure hoped to adopt a draft optional protocol during the second week of its second session in February 2011.

Election of the Chairperson

3. **Mr. Sinhaseni** (Thailand) nominated Mr. Ulibarri Bilbao (Costa Rica) for the office of Chairperson of the Meeting.

4. *Mr. Ulibarri Bilbao (Costa Rica) was elected Chairperson of the Meeting by acclamation.*

5. *Mr. Ulibarri Bilbao (Costa Rica) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CRC/SP/41)

6. *The agenda was adopted.*

7. **The Chairperson** drew attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure, contained in document CRC/SP/5, and said he had been informed that the Secretary-General had yet to receive proper credentials from a number of the States parties represented at the meeting. He urged those States parties to submit the credentials of their representatives to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of those States parties should be entitled provisionally to participate in the meeting.

8. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers of the Meeting

9. *Mr. Ould Hadrami (Mauritania) and Ms. Shiolashvili (Georgia) were elected Vice-Chairpersons.*

Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended by General Assembly resolution 50/155 (CRC/SP/41 and Add.1 and 2)

10. **The Chairperson**, drawing attention to paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of article 43 of the Convention, recalled that in accordance with article 43, as amended, nine Committee members were to be elected for a term of four years by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by States parties. That list was contained in document CRC/SP/41 and Add.1. The nominations of candidates from Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, Georgia and the United Arab Emirates had been withdrawn.

11. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Ms. Bardijn (Belgium), Ms. Parado-Brillo (Philippines), Ms. Tiendrébéogo (Burkina Faso) and Ms. Puertas (Peru) acted as tellers.*

12. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	183
Number of valid ballots:	180
Number of representatives voting:	180
Required majority:	91

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Madi (Egypt)	118
Ms. Al-Shehail (Saudi Arabia)	111
Ms. Sandberg (Norway)	110
Ms. Aidoo (Ghana)	102
Mr. Gastaud (Monaco)	100
Ms. Herczor (Hungary)	98
Mr. Kotrane (Tunisia)	97
Ms. Wijemanne (Sri Lanka)	97
Mr. Cardona Llorens (Spain)	95
Mr. Puras (Lithuania)	87
Ms. Amilcar Jean-François (Haiti)	85
Mr. Filali (Algeria)	83
Ms. Ramanandraibe (Madagascar)	71
Mr. Minkoa She (Cameroon)	66
Ms. Geerlings-Headley (Suriname)	64
Mr. Ebigbo (Nigeria)	59
Mr. Zmijanac (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	33
Mr. El Mufti (Sudan)	32
Ms. Pumbulu Mbimi (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	28
Mr. Mangota (Zimbabwe)	21

13. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Aidoo (Ghana), Ms. Al-Shehail (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Cardona Llorens (Spain), Mr. Gastaud (Monaco), Ms. Herczor (Hungary), Mr. Kotrane (Tunisia), Mr. Madi (Egypt), Ms. Sandberg (Norway) and Ms. Wijemanne (Sri Lanka) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.*

Closure of the Meeting

14. **The Chairperson** declared the Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child closed.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.